

Safety Precautions Given To Insure Merry Christmas

Don't let your Christmas be marred by the tragedy of fire. Read and follow the following good rules from the National Fire Protection Association . . . they could save the lives of you and your family!

Pick out a fresh-cut tree . . . it's fresh if the needles stay on when you bounce the butt hard on the ground; if you cannot pull needles out of the end of branches easily, and if the stump cut is sticky with resin.

Keep the tree out of doors, standing in water or snow, until right before Christmas. Remove the tree from the house after Christmas as soon as possible.

Don't get a tree that's any larger than you need . . . the bigger the tree, the greater the hazard.

Saw at Angle
Before putting the tree up, saw off the trunk at an angle at least one inch above the regular cut. Then stand the tree in a solid support and in water. Check the water level at least once a day.

Do not place the tree near sources of heat or where it could block the exit out of the house in case it should burn and fall.

Never use candles on a tree. Use only electric lighting sets that bear the UL (Underwriters' Laboratories) label. Be careful about imported sets and bulbs . . . some are hazardous.

Check lighting sets each year before using . . . for frayed wires, loose connections, and broken sockets.

Other hints: Don't plug too many cords into one outlet; make certain all tree lights are off before leaving the house or retiring for night; and, if you intend to do any extensive lighting, don't try to do your own wiring.



DISHWASHER—Women will welcome this time-saver-gift with open arms. It's an all-new portable dishwasher-dryer that needs no special installation or wiring. By Waste King Universal.

Don't let Christmas wrappings accumulate in your home. Burn them as soon as possible.

Use non-combustible material (metal, glass, asbestos, etc.) to decorate your home, whenever possible. Or, be sure combustible materials are "flameproofed." Untreated cotton batting, paper and some inexpensive cloth ignite easily and burn with great intensity if not "flame-proofed."

About Your Gifts
Don't buy pyroxylin plastic dolls, toys or non-flameproofed costumes, etc. Toys operated by alcohol, kerosene or gasoline are especially dangerous. And, don't set up electric trains or spirit-fueled tops under a Christmas tree.

Have plenty of ashtrays around and see that they are used. Do not allow smoking near the tree, amidst decorations or piles of wrappings.

Guard against flying sparks from a fireplace with a substantial screen, and do not use the fireplace to burn Christmas wrappings and decorations.

Everyday Rules
Be sure to practice all the other everyday rules for fire prevention . . . and be prepared if fire should strike.

Have water-type fire extinguishers that work, buckets of water, or your garden hose connected to a faucet, within reach of the tree.

Best of all—take every precaution that your Christmas be safe as well as merry.



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Holiday Season Has Many Opportunities For Good Pictures

The holiday season presents picture opportunities second to none. Be ready with film, flash and a reliable camera. And have plenty of picture-taking necessities on hand. You'll wait another year to record holiday happenings.

For a realistic record, catch Christmas in color. It's easy to use color film—especially with simple box-type cameras that take slides or snapshots in color, as well as black-and-white pictures.

Plan your picture-taking so it tells a complete story from early preparations right on through the excitement of gift-opening and the last sleepy nod Christmas night.

Leave Lights On
For in-the-house holiday shots, it's a good idea to leave on as many lights as possible. Use a camera that comes complete with built-in flashholder for easy indoor use.

Outdoor Lighting Can Be Beautiful

Inexpensive outdoor decorations can be made much more exciting and beautiful simply by spotlighting them.

Consider using a colored light, although white is always effective. The only really important thing to remember is to conceal the source of the light as much as possible. Shrubbery near a window or door is always good for cover. However, spotlights get hot, so take care that the heat is not too close to the shrubs to cause a fire.

Like to feature a twinkling star in your display? It's easy . . . simply cut a star shape from perforated board. Place the light behind, turning it away from the star to shine on a wall or other large, solid object close by. The light will bounce back and shimmer through the tiny holes in the star-shaped board, making it seem to twinkle.

For courtesy's sake, make sure your outdoor lighting does not shine on your neighbor's home.

Safety in numbers is a good rule for snapshotting because you don't always get what you want the first time, and because a series of pictures—rather than a one-shot stint—tells the story of what happened next.

When shooting small fry, keep that camera low—at the child's own eye-level—even if it means sitting, stooping or kneeling. It's usually best to come in as close as the camera will allow.

Shutter secret that works well with youngsters is to click when they're absorbed in what they're doing.

Include all parts of that Christmas story—from outdoor decoration to indoor festivities.

Make the most of your holiday pictures. Put them in the family album. Have some of the best ones enlarged and framed to hang on the wall or to send as gifts to family and friends. And, of course, extra prints can brighten many a letter to a fond, far-away grandma.

Pins Enhance Any Costume This Year

Every costume can be enhanced by the elegance of a pin. And bold, exciting pin sets that lend themselves to the bulkier jackets and fuller skirts of this season are excellent gift selections.

They come in wonderful vivid, true jewel colors to contrast with the soft, neutral understated colors of suits and dresses.

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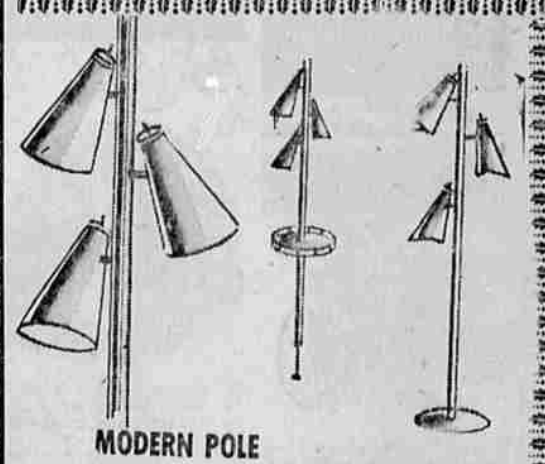
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